Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Dec 2021 at 15:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a bright day Wednesday. Then high for dry and settled conditions thereafter but low for extent of any low cloud on a daily basis.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021: Early low cloud, then dry and bright. Cold and windy at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	50%	30%	00%	00%	00%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Dec 2021

Weather: Widespread rain in the early hours, heavy for a time in the west, before drier weather reaches the west towards dawn. Overnight low cloud and rain will clear away east by mid-morning, then the rest of daylight hours will be dry and sunny.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 400 metres quite widely at first, this steadily clearing by mid-morning. Then very good visibility with little in the way of low cloud expected.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/51 SW	38/49 SW	36/47 SW	31/41 SW	31/41 W	27/36 SW	22/30 SW	20/27 SW	19/26 S
900	36/48 SW	35/46 SW	34/45 SW	29/39 SW	30/40 W	26/35 SW	21/29 SW	19/25 SW	18/25 S
600	25/37 SW	23/35 SW	24/34 SW	21/31 SW	20/30 SW	18/27 SW	14/23 SW	12/19 SW	12/19 S
300	8/35 SW	8/34 SW	9/33 SW	8/30 SW	8/29 W	7/27 SW	4/21 SW	4/18 SW	4/17 S
Glen	16/35 SW	15/33 SW	15/30 SW	9/20 SW	7/18 SW	8/18 SW	7/17 SW	4/13 SW	4/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	5/-2	5/-1	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3
900	5/-1	5/-1	6/-0	3/-3	3/-4	3/-4	2/-3	2/-3	3/-2
600	7/2	7/3	7/3	6/0	5/0	5/0	4/0	4/1	5/1
300	9/7	8/7	8/6	8/5	7/5	7/5	6/5	6/5	6/4
Glen	11/8	11/8	11/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	9/7	8/7	8/7
Freezing Level*	1900m	2000m	1900m	1100m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit gales gradually moderating through the morning. Note the significant drop in freezing level in the morning with a risk of icy surfaces developing.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Dec 2021
Weather: A lot of low cloud expected through the day across the south and west, some light and patchy rain at first. Some brighter spells possible across the east around Ben Wyvis and the Great Glen.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20 to 25 mph, but nearer 30 to 35 mph in the far northwest

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the east

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 500 to 700 metres, locally good in any clearer weather in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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